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LISBON FOR AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI AND GENERAL HAIG

1. WASHINGTON AGENCIES AGREE ON NEED AT THIS TIME FOR
US AND OTHER ALLIES TO DEMONSTRATE VISIBLY THEIR WILLING-
NESS TO MEET PORTUGUESE REQUESTS FOR MATERIEL SUPPORT FOR
NATO BRIGADE. NOW THAT WE HAVE HAD INITIAL MEETINGS WITH

GERMANS (SEE PARA 2 BELOW), WE BELIEVE IT IS APPROPRIATE TO NOTIFY GOP INFORMALLY OF OUR THINKING, EVEN BEFORE CONVENING THE NATO AD HOC GROUP, AND TO URGE GOP TO ASSIST IN ENCOURAGING OTHER ALLIES TO BE PREPARED TO PLEDGE THEIR ASSISTANCE. WE BELIEVE THAT GENERAL HAIG'S VISIT TO PORTUGAL PROVIDES A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM GOP OF ALLIED READINESS, SUBJECT TO NECESSARY BUDGET APPROVALS, TO SUPPLY A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT.

2. FYI: IN JANUARY 13 DISCUSSION IN WASHINGTON, GENERAL WUST, CHIEF OF FRG ARMED FORCES, REPORTED FRG POSITION. FRG MAINTAINS THAT, WHILE THE MOST URGENT REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PORTUGUESE ARMED FORCES ARE TRAINING AND ORGANIZATIONAL ASSISTANCE, THE FRG RECOGNIZES THE NEED TO HELP THE GOP THROUGH EARLY ACQUISITION OF MORE MODERN EQUIPMENT. THE FRG IS THEREFORE WILLING TO SUPPLEMENT ITS CONTRIBUTION OF 20 G-91 AIRCRAFT WITH AN EARLY CONTRIBUTION OF 17 OR MORE M48A2 TANKS AND SUFFICIENT HOWITZERS TO EQUIP THE BRIGADE'S ARTILLERY BATTALION. AS FOR UPGRADING THE TANKS TO M45A5S, THE FRG WAS NOT CONSIDERING BEARING THOSE COSTS. WE (DOD/ISA) SUGGESTED THAT SINCE OUR OWN ASSISTANCE INTENTIONS, IN ADDITION TO LOANS OF 5 TANKS, 20 APCs, AND 6 T-38s AND A GRANT OF 5 EXCESS F-86 ENGINES, INCLUDED TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT, MORE APCs, AND ANTI-TANK WEAPONS, THE FRG SHOULD UNDERTAKE THE COST OF UPGRADING THE TANKS, OR SEEK FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHER ALLIES TO PAY FOR THE UPGRADING COSTS. WUST AGREED: TO SEND TWO OR THREE FRG EXPERTS TO WASHINGTON TO COORDINATE MORE CLOSELY THE DETAILS
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OF THE U.S.-FRG CONTRIBUTIONS TO PORTUGAL; TO TALK TO FRENCH ARMED FORCES CHIEF GENERAL MERY IN EARLY FEBRUARY ABOUT POSSIBLE FRENCH CONTRIBUTIONS; AND TO WORK FOR AN EARLY PLEDGING SESSION WITH THE OTHER ALLIES IN THE NATO AD HOC GROUP ON ASSISTANCE TO PORTUGAL. END FYI.

3. RECOMMEND THAT GEN. HAIG TELL THE GOP THE FOLLOWING IN HIS CAPACITY AS SACEUR:

-- I UNDERSTAND THAT THE FRG IS CONSIDERING CONTRIBUTING THE TANKS AND ARTILLERY FOR THE PORTUGUESE BRIGADE.

-- THE USG IS ASKING CONGRESS FOR MAP GRANT FUNDS FOR PORTUGAL TOTALING \$30 MILLION IN FY 77.

-- IN RESPONSE TO LISTS OF EQUIPMENT NEEDS SUBMITTED TO ALLIES BY GOP, USG CONTEMPLATES PROVISION OF THE FOLLOWING ASSISTANCE SUBJECT TO CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF FY 77 REQUEST:

(A) 1 C-130, WITH SPARE PARTS, GROUND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT;
AND 2 SPARE ENGINES.

(B) 66 APCS M113A1(TO BE DELIVERED IN COMPANY-SIZE
INCREMENTS)

(C) 493 LAW

(D) 16 TOW LAUNCHERS WITH 100 MISSILES AND TEST EQUIPMENT

(E) LOGISTICS/MAINTENANCE SRVEY

-- THE ABOVE IS IN ADDITION TO THE FOLLOWING U.S.
COMMITMENTS ALSO REQUIRING FY 77 FUNDING:

(A) 5 J-47-27 ENGINES GRANTED FOR PORTUGUESE F-86 AIRCRAFT

(B) FEES FOR 5 M48 TANKS AND 20 APCS ON LOAN

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(C) FEES FOR 6 T-38 AIRCRAFT ON LOAN

(D) SPARE PARTS, SUPPORT EQUIPMENT, SUPPLY OPERATIONS
AND TRAINING.

-- TWO ADDITIONAL C-130S, ORIGINALLY PROJECTED FOR FUN-
DING IN FY 77, WOULD NOW BE SOMEWHAT DEFERRED IN ORDER
TO FUND THE FOREGOING, WHICH RESPONDS TO AGREED
PRIORITIES FOR BRIGADE EQUIPMENT.

-- THE ABOVE US/FRG EFFORT IS OBVIOUSLY A BEGINNING. IT
IS ESSENTIAL THAT OTHER ALLIES ALSO CONTRIBUTE EQUIPMENT
AND IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE AD HOC GROUP BE CONVENED
AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, IDEALLY BEFORE FEB. 1 TO DISCUSS
PLEDGES.

-- THE GOP SHOULD APPROACH THE ALLIES AND URGE THEM TO
IDENTIFY THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS AT THE PLEDGING SESSION.
(WE SHALL BE DOING THE SAME.) HOWEVER, THE GOP SHOULD
NOT REVEAL SPECIFICS OF NEW US AND FRG CONTRIBUTIONS
AT THIS TIME, LEAVING THE REVELATION FOR THE AD HOC GROUP
MEETING.

-- IT WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL IF THE GOP WOULD BE PREPARED
TO DISCUSS AT THAT MEETING THE TIMING AND PHASING FOR
MATERIEL DELIVERIES SO THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT ITEMS
ARRIVE FIRST AND ARE COORDINATED WITH RECRUITMENT AND
TRAINING FOR THE BRIGADE AND ITS AIR SUPPORT ELEMENT
AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN EFFECTIVE LOGISTICS SUPPORT
CAPABILITY.

-- IT WOULD BE USEFUL ALSO TO DISCUSS AT THAT MEETING
ESTABLISHING A MECHANISM FOR CONTINUING COORDINATION OF
FUTURE PHASING AND DELIVERY OF ALLIED SUPPORT, LOCATED AT
SHAPE, POSSIBLY WITH A REPRESENTATIVE IN LISBON.
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4. FYI: DELIVERY DATES OF INTENDED FY 77 US ASSISTANCE
CANNOT BE DETERMINED YET SINCE THEY DEPEND ON PRIOR
CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL, FUNDING APPROPRIATION AND IDENTIFICATION OF SOURCES OF EQUIPMENT. WE ALSO INTEND TO
ASK CONGRESS FOR \$25 MILLION IN FY 78. THE \$25 MILLION
COULD FOLLOW UP ON THE C-130 PROGRAM; GRANT OR EXTEND
THE LOAN OF THE TANKS, APCS AND T-38S NOW ON LOAN; AND
PROVIDE SOME GROUND MOBILITY AND POSSIBLY NAVY MODERNIZATION EQUIPMENT. PROHIBITION AGAINST DIVULGING THE
APPROVED FY 78 LEVEL REMAINS IN EFFECT UNTIL SUCH TIME AS
THE CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION DOCUMENT SUPPORTING THIS
REQUEST IS PROVIDED TO THE CONGRESS, PROBABLY IN FEBRUARY.

MOREOVER, THE LEVEL WILL BE SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND POSSIBLE
REVISION BY THE NEW ADMINISTRATION AFTER JANUARY 20. END
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